

REMARKS

This amendment is presented in response to the Office Action of March 1, 2004 and further to the RCE being filed simultaneously herewith.

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

The Office Action rejected Claims 13-16 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by the Okada reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,722). Similarly, the Office Action rejected Claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over the Okada reference in view of the Yogeshwar reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,026,232) and Claims 17 and 22 over the Okada reference in view of the Nanba reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,541,644).

In response, Claims 13 and 18, upon which all of the above remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, have been amended to further recite “wherein the second image data is compressed data representing second image to be reproduced in synchronization with the first images.”

It is respectfully submitted that this language is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited art, alone or in combination.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to

withdraw the rejections of the claims, to enter the amendment, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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